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The Story of Gaston Naessens Featured in Canada's Saturday Night Magazine

In it's December issue, Canada's popular magazine, Saturday Night, featured the trials and victories of eminent biologist Gaston Naessens. The well-written 12 page article chronicled the life of Naessens from the discovery of the somatid cycle (see Figure 1) to the development of the formula 714-X, to the trials and persecution he faced and continues to face. Below is a historical summation of the article:

Late 1940's – From the work of individuals such as Béchamp and Emile Doyen, Naessens began work on what would become the somatiscope. What would later be termed dark-field microscopy (but not as sophisticated), Naessens' instrument allowed him to examine live blood at extreme magnifications as well as with exceptionally high resolution. One improvement with this instrument is its ability to see particle via light refraction as opposed to traditional staining methods.

Mid 1950's — Moved lab to Paris from Lyon, France. Opposition began to mount from the traditional medical authorities due to innovative theories and treatments, not to mention successes.

Early 1960's — Naessens treated over 10,000 individuals afflicted with various illnesses, many life-threatening, with extraordinary results. On the other side, he was twice brought before the "bar" (medical authorities). He was fined heavily and forced to close his Paris lab. Much of his equipment was confiscated.

1962 — Naessens tried again to start his laboratory on the island of Corsica, but Corsica was still France. Patients continued to seek him out, as did the authorities.

1964 — Naessens pursued his work in Canada, leaving Corsica with only a few key components of his microscope.

Late 1960's — He received a $25K grant from the National Research Council as a consultant on microscopy. However, this was quickly revoked due to his troubles with the French medical authorities of past years.

1971 — Gaston Naessens began again as a medical researcher. The head of the MacDonald Stewart Foundation (organization which funded orthodox cancer research for many years), David Stewart, agreed to finance Naessens' research personally and establish a laboratory for him on the MacDonald Tobacco Company's premises in Montreal. This infuriated the orthodox oncologist on the research wing, and Naessens was forced to move to a low-key spot in Rock Forest on the banks of the Magog River near Sherbrooke, Canada.

1972 — Initial meeting regarding additional funding for research relating to Naessen's somatid theory and the formula 714-X went well. An assistant professor of pathology, Daniel Perey, volunteered to head the proposed investigation.

Perey visited Naessens laboratory and described it as nothing short of a revelation. However, his excitement was not shared by all. Co-investigators with Perey questioned the validity of the somatid cycle, as this contradicted the definition of disease taught in medical schools.

Late 1972 — Perey extolled Naessens' contributions to the field stating, "The scope and insight which Mr. Naessens has brought to this area of research potentially stand to benefit mankind and may be a source of pride for Canada!"

1974 — The final report of the MacDonald Stewart Foundation rejected the somatid theory and Naessens' notion of bolstering the immune system to fight cancer. It now became apparent that Perey, who was to be the chief investigator, had been assigned other duties that effectively used up the time to run the Naessens study. This duty was passed on to a husband-and-wife team of researchers who were not in the least interested in truly researching the brilliant theories of Naessens. Their focus was only on one large form of the somatid cycle that had been described as a bacterium by German researchers who had isolated it in the 1930's. Overall, they dismissed the stages of the somatid cycle as "artifacts" produced by mistakes during the process required to observe them. Perey's response in relation to the researchers was, "microbiological dogmas are so entrenched in this couple's minds that they do not allow themselves the luxury of challenging them."

Late 1974 — Dr. Raymond Keith Brown, a consultant for New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center visited Rock Forest. Brown's memo to the center read,"What I have seen is a microscope that reveals with spectacular clarity the motion and multiplicity of pleomorphic organisms in the blood which are intimately associated with disease states. The implications…are staggering….It is imperative that what its inventor, a dedicated biological scientist, is doing, and can do, be totally reviewed. I am convinced that he is an authentic genius and that his achievements cut across and illumine some of the most pertinent areas of medical science. If the review of his work is confirmed, this man should be brought to New York and given unlimited support and facilities to continue his research."

Dr. Brown, along with an oncologist and microscopist eventually drafted a second memorandum that reiterated the first. Unfortunately, Naessens' name appeared on the American Cancer Society's "blacklist" and the excitement subsided.

August, 1980 — Naessens supplied 714-X to Dr. Gaetan Jasmin, a professor of pathology and medicine at the University of Montreal who was willing to embark on the standard animal-control test; that is, injecting the 714-X into cancerous and noncancerous rats. Dr. Jasmin concluded the substance had no effect and the results were reported in the MacDonald Stewart foundation literature in 1982. But, Jasmin refused to follow Naessens specific protocol for the use of the substance. He had injected the medicinal into the tumors themselves rather than into the lymphatic system, a procedure he decided was impossible. Whereas standard cancer treatments follow that procedure, Naessens' truly holistic approach was designed to treat the symptom via the cause — the diametrical opposite of orthodox oncological approaches.

Throughout the 1970's & 1980's, doctors and patients alike continued to flock to Rock Forest. The doctors learned about the new biology, while the suffering patients were taught to inject themselves with 714-X or referred to doctors who were willing to treat them. Tremendous results continued as well.

December, 1984 — The police and officers of the Quebec Medical Corporation raided Naessens' house and laboratory, seizing vials of 714-X and some 150 medical files. Charges would be brought some 5 years later.

1989 — Naessens was brought to trial. Despite the odds, he was acquitted. Witness after witness took the stand to describe the horrors of their battles with cancer and the hopelessness with Western treatments, and the cures they'd finally achieved using Naessens' treatment. Imposing figures such as the politician Gerald Godin and the French ambassador to the Seychelles spoke passionately on Naessens' behalf. Even the Quebecois folk hero, Gilles Vigneault showed his support. To the press, Vigneault described what was happening to Naessens as a "witch hunt" and went on to sing the praises of alternative medicine. He concluded: "One must seek, on humanity's behalf, medical progress unblocked by pharmaceutical lobbyism that, together with that on arms mongers, is one of the world's most powerful." The headlines of the Journal de Montreal read "Naessens Acquitted." A sidebar noted "It's 25 years now that this farce has continued!"

Late 1990 — After receiving the positive results of nontoxicity tests, Health and Welfare Canada agreed that 714-X could be supplied by Naessens to doctors whose patients were suffering from terminal cancer.

1992 — A growing interest in Naessens' approach to cancer, AIDS and other such diseases continues to grow. As of October of this year, 210 MD's across the country (Canada) were administering it to patients. Naessens was also invited to the controversial conference on alternative treatments for AIDS held in Amsterdam in May. This conference was attended by such notables as Luc Montagier, the French scientist who is credited with the discovery of the so called "AIDS virus." In Europe, the Philippines, New Zealand, Australia and the U.S., physicians are using 714-X with the conclusion that barring total destruction of the immune system, this may be the most promising treatment for AIDS and cancer ever seen. In the U.S. an independent study on 714-X using human patients has been under way since last May.

Commentary

It is very disheartening to see such abuses heaped upon such a brilliant, humane individual. One is reminded of the famous Hindu quote, "In shallow men, the fish of little thoughts cause much commotion. But in the oceanic minds, the whales of inspiration make hardly a ruffle." However unfortunate, history is filled with such examples of "shallowness." As Christopher Bird pointed out, the individuals who paved the way for Mr. Naessens — Antoine Béchamp, Geunther Enderlein, Royal Raymond Rife, Wilhelm Reich to name a few — met with similar abuses by the established medical authorities. Nonetheless, much interest continues to be generated by the man who someday will be recognized as another Albert Einstein.

Mr. Naessens' work is at the forefront of a "new" push in health care; that is, prevention and bolstering the immune system via natural means. For example, AIDS, a disease characterized by subcellular organisms in pursuit of growth due to the presence of a deficient host {personal conclusion}, has been shown to be responsive in some instances to such immune enhancement approaches, particularly when compared to orthodox treatments.(1) One hopes that future research and grants will begin to focus on this neglected aspect of health care. Also, one hopes that individuals such as Gaston Naessens will have the freedom and opportunity to continue their brilliant work in the field.

Note: Much of the material in this letter can be found in Christopher Bird's book, The Persecution and Trial of Gaston Naessens. It is an excellent account of the work done by Mr. Naessens. I would also like to thank Mr. Bird for his input into this present article.

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Townsend Letter for Doctors & Patients.

CANCER, 714-X AND GASTON NAESSENS

If you looked into a regular microscope at a drop of blood, the way it is done in most laboratories, you would see a still-life picture of bright-red cells, reddish-pink and purple cells. The sample of blood has been treated with dye to illustrate the different cells and nothing moves in this picture.

However, if you looked into a high-powered new microscope called a Somatoscope, invented by an exceptional French-Canadian, Gaston Naessens, you would see a totally different picture. Things move on a black background, seeming to bounce and bump around, and you would wonder if you could see twinkling before your eyes. The `twinklings' that you see are not your imagination; they are called `Somatids', and they can illustrate your life force and your state of health. Many conventional medical authorities don't know what to make of it; some deny it; some admire it; some look the other way.

An investigative reporter with a deep-voiced Georgian drawl, author Chris Bird, told the audience at Health Action '91 of his investigations into the life and work of the French-Canadian inventor Gaston Naessens. With his natural investigative spirit, he discovered a fascinating story of the suppression of a genius, and the gift that this genius has offered to an unwilling medical community, a new cancer treatment called 714-X.

This new microscope is being used as part of a program for cancer patients available to Canadians. After deciding that 714-X is a treatment that the patient would like to pursue, then it is necessary to convince the medical doctor this is the treatment of choice. Having established that, then the physician is to notify the Emergency Drug Program in Ottawa at (613) 993-3105. A history of the patient is required, and the serum and instructions on administering it will be sent directly from the Naessens clinic to the doctor. Details on how to obtain the Somatoscope, or requests for information, can be addressed to: The Naessens Clinic C.O.S.E. 5270 Fontaine Rock Forest, Quebec J1N 3B6 or telephone (819) 564-7883 or FAX (819) 564-2195. Or, send $15 to HANS [to help cover costs] and we will send you an information package on this topic.

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By Christopher Bird

A New Answer to Cancer: Microbiologist Gaston Naessens' immune system therapy 714X has been achieving dramatic results — and irking the "cancer industry."

Thirty-nine-year-old Jacques Viens had gone home to die. Seven-eighths of his stomach had been removed, and the cancer had already spread to the lymph. Since there seemed to be no hope of recovery, his doctor offered him a new, experimental treatment called 714X. He tried it. Four months later he was healthy enough to go hunting, and not long after that he resumed his job.

Fifty-one-year-old Marcel Caron suffered from intestinal cancer, but he refused to have his intestine removed. His wife's breast cancer had been successfully treated with the same experimental medicine Viens had used; Caron wanted to try it too. Sixty-five days after he started treatment, no cancer was to be found in Caron's body. Eight years later, he was still healthy.

These are just two among hundreds of case histories of patients who recovered using a little-known approach to cancer and other degenerative diseases that proponents claim could revolutionize medical practice. The first person to use it — more than 20 years ago — is still alive.

What would happen if an effective treatment for cancer were finally found — a nontoxic, natural, and inexpensive treatment that could be self-administered at home with a success rate of 75 percent? It sounds like a dream come true, a miracle. We would all breathe a little easier, that's for certain; many lives would be saved.

And a multibillion-dollar enterprise — the pharmaceutical-medical-insurance complex, the most profitable industry in America today — would be forever transformed. Dozens of giant pharmaceutical and medical supply companies would be forced out of business. The "cancer industry" would be no more.

Little wonder, then, that we have heard so little about a 69-year-old French microbiologist who says he's discovered such a treatment. His name is Gaston Naessens, and he calls his immune-system therapy 714X.

When Naessens' unorthodox treatment methods began yielding dramatic successes in his native France, French medical authorities closed his lab, confiscated his equipment, and heavily fined him for practicing medicine without a license. Naessens went to Canada, where, with the help of the prestigious MacDonald Foundation (which for years has funded cancer research), he set up a small laboratory outside Montreal. There he and his wife, Francoise, continued their careful research until 1989, when Naessens was again brought to trial by the medical authorities, accused of contributing to the death of a woman who did not recover after using his treatment.

After a long trial, in which numerous testimonies were offered by patients and physicians using his approach, he was finally acquitted. (The full story of the trial is told in Christopher Bird's book The Persecution and Trial of Gaston Naessens.) Now, a handful of doctors are struggling to make Naessens' controversial treatments readily available in the United States.

Born in northern France in 1924, the young Naessens was a precocious inventor who built a small, functioning automobile-type vehicle when he was only five, followed by a homemade motorcycle. By the age of 12 he had constructed a plane that could fly. (His mother burned it to prevent him from flying it, however.)

When his university studies of physics, chemistry, and biology were interrupted by World War II, Naessens earned an unofficial diploma from the Union Scientifique Francaise in Lilies, where most of his university professors had fled to escape the Nazi invasion. (He never bothered to pursue its formal equivalent after De Gaulle restructured France, a decision that would later lead to accusations that he lacked a college degree.)

With his mother's support, Naessens continued his studies on his own. While pursuing the study of hematology, he observed "something moving in the blood," but the particle was too small to be identified by the optical methods he had at his disposal. Fascinated, Naessens enlisted the help of optical specialists in Germany in developing a stronger microscope.

Called the somatoscope, the microscope itself was a significant scientific achievement. Using a unique combination of incandescent and ultraviolet rays, it allowed him to look at living blood (without first fixing and staining it, which is the usual method) at a magnification of 30,000 times with a resolution of 150 angstroms — a capacity that has not been exceeded to date.

Using this unique method of microscopy, Naessens was able to study what he had glimpsed previously but could not identify: motile microorganisms in the discovered that somatids are resistant to acids and bases as well as heat and that they cannot be cut with a diamond. For example, they withstood 2 megarads of radiation capable of killing any living thing, as well as carbonization temperatures of over -200 C. He concluded that they are indestructible.

Recently, Dr. James F. Ransdell, a pathologist on the faculty of the University of California at Davis, showed me the somatids in my own blood on a TV screen, using Naessen's "condenser," an attachment he developed that converts a regular microscope into one resembling his invention. Lots of bright little bodies were busily circulating around the red blood cells, platelets, and lymphocytes in my blood, their motion not unlike that of swarming bees.

Cell division cannot take place without these busy, glowing bodies, Naessens postulates, because in the course of its cycle the somatid releases the growth hormone trephone, which enables cells to divide and multiply. Naessens goes even further — he believes the electrically charged, luminous somatid is the original spark of life, the pinpoint where energy condenses into matter. According to Naessens, the somatid represents the manifestation of cosmic energy in a tiny, moving dot of physicality.

quently attributed to environmental toxicity, by rejuvenating the body's defenses. Holistic treatments, like the traditional methods from which they evolved, consist of appropriate diet, exercise, and supportive plant medicines to replenish our depleted reserves and restore strength.

Naessens' theories align with the tenets of holistic practice. But unlike most holistic healers, Naessens is able to provide scientific documentation and evidence of what traditional and naturopathic approaches have suggested all along — that disease represents imbalance in the ecology of the whole organism.

In healthy individuals, says Naessens, the somatid moves through a three-stage cycle that produces the right amount of the growth hormone trephone to keep cells reproducing at the appropriate rate. (This growth hormone was first identified by Nobel laureate Alexis Carrel, who did not, however, link it to a subcellular entity in the blood.)

When the body is stressed or weak, however, the somatid shifts into a longer macrocycle that features 13 additional stages, including forms that resemble bacteria, viruses, and yeast cells. Other scientists have seen some of these forms in the blood of cancer patients and have posited a bacterial and, later, a viral cause of cancer. However, according to these theories (which have not been confirmed by scientific evidence), the disease carrier has always been thought to enter the body from somewhere outside, as germs do. In Naessens' view, these microbial forms are simply phases of the somatid in its extended cycle. In this amplified cycle, the somatid produces excessive quantities of growth hormone, creating the abnormally rapid cell growth we call cancer.

Naessens is not the first scientist to describe polymorphic entities in the blood. In the early 1800s, Antoine Bechamp, like Guenther Enderlein and many other pioneers, using far more primitive microscopes than Naessens', perceived microzymas, or "little bodies," which were thought to be fundamental elements of cells and whole living organisms. When the organism is disturbed by a serious event, Bechamp theorized, the symbiotic relationship between the microzymas and the body becomes imbalanced, leading to disease. In this view, illness originates within the body.

The scientific establishment rejected Bechamp's work in favor of that of Pasteur, who was convinced that disease is caused by bacteria entering the body from without. Pasteur's work, which had wide application to a host of infectious diseases, led to the important discovery of immunization. Bechamp's theory was rejected, and germ theory became a sacred tenet in medicine, despite the fact that a number of diseases do not appear to conform to that pattern. On his deathbed, Pasteur was said to disavow his own theories and exclaim, "[He] is right. The microbe is nothing! The terrain is all."

In Naessens' theory, the microcycle of the somatid is held at three stages by blood inhibitors, which consist of certain digestive enzymes, hormones, and minerals. Poor diet and stress apparently reduce the number of blood inhibitors, allowing the somatid to commence its extended 13-phase macrocycle. The presence of these extra somatid forms signifies the beginning of degenerative disease before it has manifested itself in the body. Hence the somatid theory has a valuable diagnostic application, which, in combination with other factors, makes it possible to diagnose and even treat the disease before it takes hold.

The difference between healthy cells and cancer cells is their rate of growth. The somatid macrocycle generates a tremendous increase in the number of somatids, releasing more and more growth hormone into the body and stimulating the rapid multiplication of cells we call cancer. The increasing mass of disorganized cells secrete what Naessens has called the "co-cancerogenic factor," a substance that allows the cancer to withdraw essential nitrogen derivatives from the patient's cells and also begins to paralyze the immune system, radically undermining the patient's ability to combat the disease.

The cancer does not take long to metastasize (spread to new locations) throughout the body. Since the usual orthodox methods of treating cancer involve cutting out, burning, or poisoning the cancerous tumors, cancer's potential to metastasize has kept everyone stumped. A systemic treatment for the disease would enable the body to again perform its normal function of removing cancer cells, which in healthy bodies takes place almost daily.

According to proponents of the approach, Naessens' 714X (the name is alpha numerological reference to the letters in his own name) is such a treatment. It is distributed rapidly throughout the body by the unique method of intra-lymphatic injection. Doctors have said such injection is physiologically impossible, due to the structure of the lymphatic system — yet thousands of people have now used the treatment with encouraging results.

714X is an aqueous solution (trimethyl bicyclo mino heptane-CL) consisting of camphor, mineral salts, and nitrogen salts, which is injected once a day for a 21-day cycle. The treatment is then repeated until the progress of the disease is reversed and finally stopped.

The salts help to cleanse and clear the lymph of toxins accumulated during the disease, thereby reviving the body's defenses, which go back to work to fight the cancer. The nitrogen actually feeds the cancer cells so they do not drain the body's nitrogen. The camphor carries the nitrogen to the cells and impedes the formation of the "co-cancerogenic factor," again stimulating the body's own ability to fight the disease.

(Camphor is widely used by village people throughout India to treat a wide variety of illnesses, from bronchitis to diarrhea. According to Jahnavi Morton, an ayurvedic practitioner who studied under Vasant Lad in New Mexico, camphor is used for "opening the flow of prana, bringing clarity to the mind.")

A healthy diet that follows the familiar guidelines of holistic nutrition (no sugar, low fat, no dairy, no pork or beef, and so on) accompanies the treatment.

Unlike allopathic medicine's "magic bullet" approach to illness, the treatment does not do anything directly to the malfunctioning somatid, nor does it attack the symptoms of the disease. All it does is stimulate the body's ability to regain its balance and defeat the cancer on its own. A healthier organism produces more blood inhibitors, slowing down the somatid cycle. As a result, the amount of growth hormone (responsible for cell division) produced by the somatids begins to decline, so cancer cells do not multiply as quickly. Meanwhile, the body's ability to destroy the existing cancer cells increases. The cancer does not spread. The tumor begins to regress. The body regains its natural balance. The progress of the disease is reversed until it disappears.

Among the growing number of physicians who are recognizing the efficacy of 714X is Dr. Dietmar Schildwaechter, a former faculty member of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine who now directs a cancer rehabilitation center in his native Germany. He came across Naessens' treatment in 1990 through one of his own patients, who showed marked improvement when, unbeknownst to him, she began taking it. When he found out what she was taking, he began looking into the unconventional treatment himself. He "realized that Naessens had discovered and identified what others had only partially seen."

"Gaston Naessens' discoveries," Schildwaechter writes, "represent a brand new dimension in medicine. His recognition of the somatids as the basic form of life and his furnishing a microscopic means to monitor their cycle are nothing short of revolutionary. His method, offering an instant and highly refined way of assessing every human being's state of health and their responses to therapy, is second to none." Schildwaechter is now the chief investigator of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) that is documenting the successes of 714X with the goal of obtaining FDA approval for its use in the United States as an experimental treatment.

Naessens' treatment continues to be available by doctor's prescription, so long as the patient is willing to sign an informed consent for the administration of an unapproved drug. In order to be thoroughly familiar with the treatment, all patients (and doctors) should be required to read Do No Harm, a protocol booklet published by Writers and Research, Inc.

Although Naessens boasts a 75 percent rate of success for his unique treatment, how are we to know that this is not just another crackpot cure? Most alternative treatments lack the validation on which Americans have come to rely, the stamp of approval by the American Medical Association, the National Cancer Institute, and the FDA. The august bodies of medical research have demonstrated a reluctance to investigate therapies that have not emerged from their own labs.

Of the 63 treatments on the "list of unproved methods" published by the American Cancer Society, over 40 percent have never even been investigated by the medical establishment, writes Ralph Moss, author of The Cancer Industry. "Merely including a scientist's name on the list of unproven methods has the effect of damning that researcher's work and putting a tag of quackery on his efforts." Gaston Naessens is number 63 on that list. American medical authorities, it seems, have joined the French and Canadian in blacklisting his research.

People like Bird and Schildwaecheter argue that there is sufficient evidence that this treatment should be thoroughly evaluated, not dismissed out of hand — specially considering the tremendous toll taken on the body by conventional approaches like chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation. Great scientific advances have often come from off the beaten track, they argue, the work of brave innovators who have neither the time nor the patience to keep their credentials up to date with established boards. The somatid theory may be one of them.

But the most powerful argument for making Naessen's treatment available is the example of people like Anne Vignal, wife of the former French Counsel General in Quebec, who went to medical doctors to find out why she had not conceived. They told her her infertility was due to a lethal form of leukemia and that she had only three to five years to live.

Vignal had the good fortune to learn of Gaston Naessens and his ground-breaking work. Five years after being treated with 714X, she is very much alive and cancer-free — and the mother of a healthy son.

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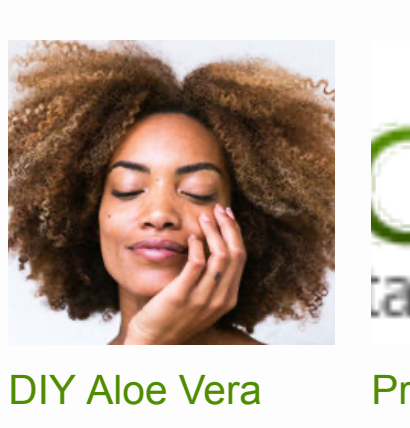
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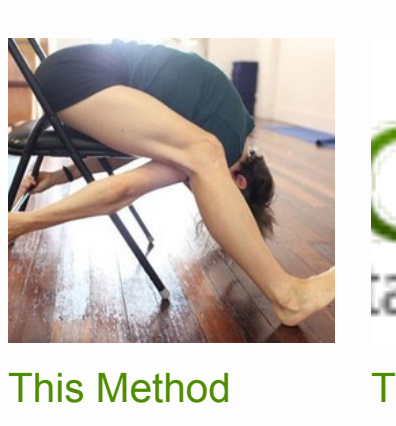
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